
**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**October 27, 2009
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

In Attendance:

Abrishami, Lori	LACMTA
Melocoton, Paul	SANBAG
Poe, Lisa	SANBAG

SCAG

Asher, Grieg
Asuncion, John
Kuo, Ryan
Luo, Rongsheng
Mann, Betty
Sherwood, Arnie

Via Teleconference:

Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Estrella, Romeo	Caltrans District 12
Joe Cassmassi	SCAQMD
Kratovil, Aimee	FHWA
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans Headquarters
Marquez, Jose	Caltrans District 11
Medina, Shirley	RCTC
O'Connor, Karina	EPA Region 9
Sells, Yvonne	SCAQMD
Tax, Wienke	EPA Region 9
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Shirley Medina, RCTC, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Item

- 3.1.1 TCWG September 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes
The minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 RTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- Administrative Modification Amendment #25 was approved by Caltrans on September 24th.
- Consistency RTIP Amendment #24, along with RPT Amendment #2, is currently under public review until November 6th.
- SCAG staff is currently analyzing the Amendment #26 submittals.
- 2011 FTIP submittals are due to SCAG on December 7, 2009, subject to change if the August 2011 FTIP submittal date is pushed out. TCWG and CTCs will be notified of any schedule changes.

4.2 RTP Update

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, reported the following:

- Draft Amendment #2 was released by SCAG's Transportation Committee earlier this month for public review until November 6th. Two formal comments have been received so far. The RTP Amendment #2 and the RTIP Consistency Amendment #08-24 are expected to be adopted in December.

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- Staff will begin working on Amendment #3 to the 2008 RTP. SCAG will reach out to all counties and is likely to issue call for amendment requests this week. The timeline for Amendment #3 is expected to be five to seven months.

In response to a question from Shirley Medina, RCTC, Mr. Kuo stated that all counties will have up to one full month to submit their projects to SCAG.

4.3 SB 375 Update

Grieg Asher, SCAG, reported the following:

- The following documents about how SCAG is approaching SB 375 are posted on SCAG's website:
 - (1) Draft SCS Collaborative Process
 - (2) Draft SB 375 Framework and Guidelines
 - (3) Draft Pubic Outreach Strategies
- The Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) has completed its work and issued its final report *Recommendations of the Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) Pursuant to Senate Bill 375: A Report to the California Air Resources Board*. The report is posted on the Air Resources Board (ARB) and SCAG websites. Mr. Asher presented a brief overview of the report.
- SCAG is currently in involved in its outreach process which will continue through the target setting process next year.
- As required by SB 375, SCAG will hold a regional workshop to discuss the RTAC report on November 18th at the City of Ontario Convention Center.
- The RTAC report will be presented to the ARB Board on November 19th.

In response to a question from Ilene Gallo, Caltrans Headquarters, Mr. Asher stated that the current deadline for subregional delegation decision is by the end of this calendar year.

In response to questions from Shirley Medina, RCTC, Mr. Asher stated that the expected deadline for SCAG to submit its preliminary regional target is by March 1, 2010 in consultation with the region.

4.4 ARB Update
No report

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4.5 EPA Update

Karina O’Conner, EPA, reported the following:

- The final PM 2.5 area designation for the 2006 PM2.5 24-Hour Standard was signed on October 8th. The designation is expected to be published in Federal Register sometime this month and should become effective in 30 days. Maps of the area designations will be developed. The areas will have one year to do a conformity finding with the new standards.
- EPA is expected to release an interim guidance on how to perform conformity analysis before the end of this year,

In response to questions, Ms. O’Connor stated that the draft quantitative PM2.5 analysis guidance will be issued for public review within three to four weeks and the final guidance is expected to be completed by the end of this year or early next year. In addition, Ms. O’Connor confirmed that the PM2.5 SIP will follow the normal three-year schedule.

4.6 Air Districts Update

Joe Cassmassi, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- The PM10 attainment redesignation requests and maintenance plans for SCAB and Coachella Valley have been delayed by one month. The requests will be presented to the SCAQMD Governing Board in January 2010. Four public meetings will be held in the third week of December 2009.
- A revision to the Ozone (SCAB and Coachella Valley) and PM2.5 (SCAB) transportation conformity budgets will be presented to the SCAQMD Governing Board on November 6th as requested by EPA and ARB to reflect control measures adopted in 2007 and 2008 by the ARB Governing Board. After SCAQMD adoption, the revision will be forwarded to ARB which in turn will forward to EPA by the end of this year.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Yvonne Sells, SCAQMD, reported that the Annual AB2766 Report had been approved by the SCAQMD Governing Board and was forwarded to ARB last week. SCAQMD is in the process of getting COG input into the new annual report submittal. Training will be held in January 2010.

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Mike Brady, Caltrans Headquarters, informed the TCWG that Federal Highways recently released an updated Mobil Source Air Toxics Guidance, 2009 version. The guidance does not change anything fundamentally but it addresses more recent studies that have occurred since the original version. The new guidance should be used immediately replacing the old version.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Shirley Medina adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on December 1, 2009 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.